(b) if so, details thereof alongwith measures taken thereon;

(c) whether such expanded network of checks is proposed to be applied to other eatables of daily consumption to check adulteration in these items in future;

(d) whether such expanded network of checks have ensured that adultarated milk is not being sold in, Delhi and outside; and

(e) if so, details thereof; if not, reasons for issuing instructions from time to time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) The Food (Health) Authorities of States/U.Ts. have been advised from time to time to keep a strict vigil on quality of milk and take appropriate legal action against the offenders. Accordingly, The State/U.Ts. have stepped up surveillance measures.

(c) The Food (Health) Authorities of State/UTs. have also been advised to ensure quality control of other items of food.

(d) and (e) The Government of Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan & U.P. have reported the following cases of adulteration during the year 1996:—

Name of the State/UT	Number of samples examined	Number of samples found adulterated
Delhi	454	98
Haryana	1718	Nil
Punjab	2338	341
Rajasthan	1275	501
*U.P. (Sept. 96)	2764	1176

*The state of U.P. has also lodged FIR against two persons indulging the adulteration of milk in December, 1996. Six samples of milk have been sent for analysis.

All the States/U.Ts including the above five states have intensified vigil to ensure quality of milk.

Rise of Malaria after Recent Cyclone in Andhra Pradesh

2503. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the rise in incidence of malaria after recent cyclone in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the National Malaria Eradication Programme is being effectively implemented in the state so as to curb the rise in malaria incidences and;

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to eradicate malaria in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) As per reports received from State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh 1,26,422 Malaria cases have been reported during 1966 as against 97,927 cases recorded during 1995.

(b) and (c) For effective control of Malaria, the National Malaria Eradication Programme is being implemented in the country including Andhra Pradesh.

The steps taken to control Malaria include:

—Early detection and prompt treatment of cases;

—vector control through effective use of insecticides to interrupt transmission.

—anti-larval measures to eliminate mosquito breading through source reduction application of larvicides and adoption of bio-environmental approaches;

—Intesification of Health Education activities to create awareness among the people to prevent malaria;

—experimenting with new insecticides in multiple resistant areas on a pilot basis.

Further, Govt. is formulating an enhance Malaria Control Project with World Bank assistance in which interalia. the malaria endamic districts in the State of Andhra Pradesh is proposed to be covered. Central assistance in the form of materials amounting to Rs. 908.26 lakhs has been earmarked to the State of Andhra Pradesh during 1996-97.

Opening of more C.G.H.S,. I.S.M. and H. Dispensaries in Delhi

2504. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for development/expansion of C.G.H.S., Indian System of Medicine and Homopeopathy by opening of more C.G.H.S.Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic dispansaries/Consultation chambers, Addition of more modern drugs in the formularies, Establishment of Homoeopathic Pharmacy Council for Homoeopathic Pharmacists and upgradation of C.G.H.S. units of I.S.M.and H. in Delhi under active consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details and the action being taken by Government to accept the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) The 9th Five Year Plan has not been finalised yet. Opening of some units under Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani Systems of medicine had been envisaged, for both Delhi as well as outside Delhi, but this would depend on the resources made available for the 9th Five Year Plan.

There is no proposal at present for establishment of Pharmacy Council for Homoeopathic Pharmacists or for addition of more drugs in the formulary.

Spread of Aids in Pune, Maharashtra

2505. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: PROF. RAM KAPSE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a study conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research and the John Hopkins University of USA as reported in the Sunday Times dated December 29, 1996, AIDS is spreading fast amongst Indian population, with over 21% of population of Pune found HIV positive;

(b) if so, what is Government's latest estimate about the number and percentage of people testing HIV positive and the number of persons suffering from AIDS; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent the spread of this dreaded disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The news item published in Times of India dated 29th Dec. 1996 is based on the publication of an article "Evidence for high prevalence and rapid". Transmission of HIV among individuals attending STD clinics in Pune, India in the Indian Journal of Medical Research. The study was carried out in STD clinics attendees (High risk) and not in the general population.

(b) As on February, 1997, 50984 HIV positive cases have been reported and 3263 number of persons are suffering from AIDS in the country.

(c) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, a comprehensive programme is currently under implementation as a centrally sponsored scheme throughout the country. The Strategies of the programme consist of creation of awareness amongst high risk